

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for cleaning welding torches, wherein a cleaning or wetting liquid is applied to the tip of the welding torch via at least one nozzle or via a tub for immersing the welding torch and the tip of the welding torch is subsequently exposed to an electromagnetic field for the contactless removal of foreign substances, wherein the welding torch is in the same position during the application of the cleaning liquid or wetting liquid, ~~apart from slight changes in position in the longitudinal direction of the welding torch~~ and the subsequent exposure to an electromagnetic field, wherein a device for cutting a welding wire fed to the welding torch is arranged below a coil having an opening for insertion of the welding torch, wherein the at least one nozzle or the tub is located below the coil to enable the application of the cleaning

liquid or wetting liquid onto the welding torch without changing the position of the welding torch, and wherein a waste receptacle is arranged below the coil.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A cleaning method according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning liquid is applied by immersing the tip of the welding torch into the cleaning liquid.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A cleaning method according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning liquid is applied by spraying the tip of the welding torch with said cleaning liquid.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A cleaning method according to claim 1, wherein after the cleaning or wetting liquid is applied and foreign substances are removed, cleaning or wetting liquid is again applied and further foreign substances are removed electromagnetically.

Claim 5-52 (Canceled).

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): A method for cleaning welding torches, comprising the steps of:

(a) applying ~~a cleaning or wetting liquid~~ to a tip of a welding torch in a first position a cleaning or wetting liquid via at least one nozzle or via a tub for immersing the welding torch; and

(b) subsequently exposing the tip to an electromagnetic field in a second position immediately above the first position to contactlessly remove foreign substances;

wherein a device for cutting a welding wire fed to the welding torch is arranged below a coil having an opening for insertion of the welding torch;

wherein the at least one nozzle or the tub is located below the coil to enable the application of the cleaning liquid or wetting liquid onto the welding torch without changing the position of the welding torch; and

wherein a waste receptacle is arranged below the coil.

Claim 54 (New): A method for cleaning welding torches, comprising the steps of:

(a) applying to a tip of a welding torch in a first position

a cleaning or wetting liquid via at least one nozzle or via a tub for immersing the welding torch; and

(b) subsequently exposing the tip to an electromagnetic field in a second position immediately adjacent to the first position in a longitudinal direction of the welding torch to contactlessly remove foreign substances;

wherein a device for cutting a welding wire fed to the welding torch is arranged below a coil having an opening for insertion of the welding torch;

wherein the at least one nozzle or the tub is located below the coil to enable the application of the cleaning liquid or wetting liquid onto the welding torch without changing the position of the welding torch; and

wherein a waste receptacle is arranged below the coil.